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Letter dated 29 June 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit the following:

The Kingdom of Morocco expresses its astonishment and surprise that its concerns conveyed in its letter dated 5 June 2018, addressed to the Security Council, have not been taken into consideration. Indeed, a new letter from the "polisario" was circulated to the States members of the Council by the Presidency on 29 June 2018.

The Kingdom of Morocco wishes to recall that communications from non-State actors and armed groups such as the "polisario" may not be circulated, even informally, to the members of the Council.

Moreover, this new letter from the "polisario" doubly usurps status in an extremely grave manner:

(a) The letterhead fallaciously refers to the "frente polisario representation at the United Nations, New York". This reference is misleading and completely false because the "polisario" has no representation at the United Nations and the United Nations does not in any way recognize it as having such status.

(b) The signatory of the letter falsely claims to be the "representative of frente polisario at the United Nations". In this regard, it should be recalled that successive reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Security Council refer to him as the "representative of frente polisario in New York" (see S/2017/307, para. 22, and S/2018/277, para. 16). It is, therefore, clear that the United Nations absolutely does not accord him this status.

The Kingdom of Morocco urges that letters from non-State entities and armed groups, such as the "polisario", should under no circumstances be circulated directly, through the Presidency, to the members of the Security Council. What is at stake is respect for the rules of procedure and the practice of the Security Council as a principal intergovernmental organ of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a Security Council document.

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